



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	
Parris Wellman, et al.	:	Examiner:
Serial Number: 10/699,400)	Confir. No. 3279
Filed: 10/31/03	:	Group Art Unit: 3734
For: Control Mechanism for a Surgical Instrument)	
	:	Dated: July 17, 2007
)	Docket No. ETH 5107

Mail Stop:
The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 17, 2007 regarding the above identified application.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, from January 17, 2007 to July 17, 2007.

The fee for the extension of time is one thousand and twenty dollars (\$1020.00) and is paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04 0170.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: July 17, 2007

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